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MAGNESITE SUPPLY SITUATION (2 pages; German; []

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This document consists of a two page report by the Foreign Trade section of the Austrian Legation in Prague, commenting on the magnesite supply situation in Czechoslovakia, as it may affect a commercial **treaty**.

The report explains that there maybe a possibility of orders being placed in Austria for delivery of coarse sintering magnesite to Czechoslovakia, since large quantities of this material are being used and since Austrian magnesite industry can deliver this raw material on time. It is felt that if in addition to sintering magnesite, quantities of calcined magnesite were to be included in the commercial agreement, these orders would not stem from an imminent need for this comodity, but would origimate from the **necessity** of finding a medium of exchange for other goods. It would be reasonable to expect the rise in planned steel production to reflect in a rise in magnesite demand, however, the newly implemented and strengthened economy drive emphasises conservation of raw materials, and one of the measures substitutes **old** type silicate brick for the use of chromo-magnesite brick [used in lining furnace roofs]. This measure **results** in only an apparent economy, since it completely **disregards** the necessity for more frequent repairs and the accompanying halts in production.

In summary, the report states that **Czechoslovakia** is dependent on the import of calcined magnesite from Austria; Austrian magnesite works have so many orders on hand, that they can not accept any more for delivery in 1952; all above comments do not affect caustic magnesite, which is still in demand, for reasons of its quality, and orders for this comodity can be expected from Czechoslovakia.

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